

Nonproliferation and International Safeguards Course

The Nonproliferation and International Safeguards Course is designed for early- and mid-career professionals and others interested in a greater understanding of nonproliferation and international safeguards concepts and engagement with Safeguards experts.

EVENT DETAILS

- » **Who:** Early- and mid-career professionals and others seeking to further their understanding of safeguards
- » **What:** 5-day activity-based course on applied international nuclear safeguards
- » **When:** March 7-11, 2022
- » **Where:** Virtually via Zoom
- » **Why:** To bridge the gap between fundamental and advanced safeguards courses through an intermediate-focused applied safeguards course.

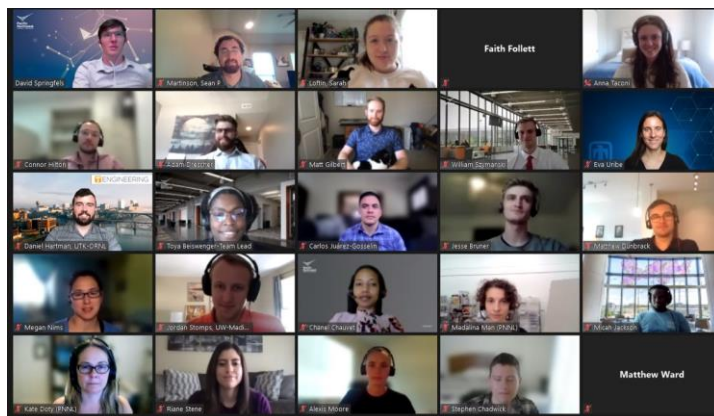
PREREQUISITES

1. Previously attended at least one of the following courses:
 - a. Summer Course on International Safeguards Policy and Information Analysis, Monterey, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory / Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey
 - b. Nonproliferation and International Safeguards Summer Course, PNNL (prior to 2021)
2. Willingness to complete specified required reading and videos (PNNL to provide access)

OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this course, students will have a greater understanding of the following topics and be able to apply them in their future work activities:

1. Introduction to nuclear nonproliferation and international safeguards
2. Legal basis of international safeguards
3. Basic concepts of the nuclear fuel cycle
4. Safeguards objectives and approach
5. International safeguards implementation at facilities (technologies, techniques, and equipment)
6. Safeguards conclusions, state-level concept, and state evaluation process



COURSE STRUCTURE

This 5-day course features seminars, tabletop exercises, and other interactive group activities, such as those listed below. A final agenda will be provided to students enrolled in the course.

- » **Nuclear Fuel Cycle Mapping Exercise:**
Identify relevant fuel cycle information from a draft state evaluation report to complete the fuel cycle and map facilities and nuclear material flow.
- » **Virtual Design Information Verification:**
Review operator declarations, verify facility design and layout, and analyze the data to confirm accuracy of the declaration.
- » **Facility-Level Safeguards Implementation:**
Perform a diversion pathway analysis to analyze proliferation/diversion pathways and establish and prioritize technical objectives. Identify key safeguards measures/activities for facility-level implementation and illustrate how containment/surveillance measures help verify operator records and systems.
- » **State Evaluation:** Learn the techniques the International Atomic Energy Agency uses to evaluate a state's nuclear fuel cycle and implement safeguards. Participate in a virtual State Evaluation Group and use industry tools and techniques to evaluate safeguards implementation.



HOW TO APPLY

To apply, complete the registration form at <https://nonproportal.energy.gov/>

The application deadline is **January 7, 2022**.

This course is **FREE** to participants who are accepted. No travel or lodging expenses required due to the virtual format.

Send questions regarding logistics or course content to SafeguardsCourse@pnnl.gov.



ABOUT PNNL

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